

Board of Crawford County Commissioners

Commissioners' Journal

2023, THIRTY-EIGHTH MEETING

CRAWFORD COUNTY COURTHOUSE, COMMISSIONERS' BOARD ROOM
Girard, KS. Friday, May 19, 2023 10:00 AM

The Crawford County Board of Commissioners met pursuant to Kansas Statutes.

Annotated Chapter 19, Article 2, Section 18 in due and regular session with open doors.

Commissioner Bruce Blair served as the presiding officer.

Commissioners Tom Moody and Carl Wood were in attendance.

County Clerk Lisa Lusker was seated with the Board.

Chairman Blair led the Pledge of Allegiance.

UNDER THE HEADING BUSINESS FROM A PREVIOUS MEETING CONSENT AGENDA

On motion (23-218) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood that the consent agenda be approved including:

1. Approval of the **May 16, 2023** minutes of the Board of County Commissioners, and
2. Authorizing the Chairman to sign the previous week's vouchers.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed and the consent agenda was approved.

SIGNING OF MOTIONS

The County Clerk presented the following motions for Commissioners' signatures:

Motion 23	213	That the consent agenda be approved including: Approval of the May 12, 2023 minutes and Approval of the accounts payable warrant numbers 621801 to 622137 dated May 15, 2023 in the total amount of \$358,247.41
Motion 23	214	To recess this open session and go into a closed executive session for a period of not more than 15 minutes to discuss items that would be deemed privileged in the Attorney-Client Relationship to discuss contracts and to include the Board of County Commissioners, County Counselor Jim Emerson, RJA Program Coordinator Angie Hadley and Maintenance Director Robert Gorentz and to reconvene by 10:19 AM

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Motion 23	215	To approve the Letter of Support from the Commissioners for the Southeast Kansas Recycling Center's application for a Solid Waste Grant
Motion 23	216	To approve the Certification of Local Government Approval for Nonprofit Organizations Receiving 2023 Emergency Solutions Grant for Catholic Charities and authorize the Chairman to sign
Motion 23	217	To approve the quote from Tri-State Building for the remodel project at the Freeto Building as recommended by Maintenance Supervisor Robert Gorentz and authorize the Chairman to sign

UNDER THE HEADING NEW BUSINESS

PROCLAMATION AND ORDERS OF THE BOARD

MESSAGES FROM CRAWFORD CO LOCAL BOARD OF HEALTH

PUBLIC HEARINGS AND OPENING OF ANNOUNCED BIDS

MESSAGES FROM ELECTED OFFICIALS

MESSAGES FROM THE PUBLIC

MESSAGES FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTAL ENTITIES

NEW BUSINESS

Item One: The Commissioners discussed the bids for trash service for the County. Commissioner Blair stated he will follow up on this issue.

Item Two: County Clerk Lisa Lusker presented the ARPA drawdown request for May 2023. She stated that the Commissioners reviewed the requests in the work session this morning.

On motion (23-219) of Commissioner Blair and the second of Commissioner Moody to approve the ARPA drawdown request for May 2023.

On a Roll Call Vote.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Commissioner Wood had questions about the contract with Greenbush for the administrative fees for ARPA funds. He will get a copy of the contract from County Counselor Jim Emerson.

Commissioner Moody thanked Ms. Lusker and Director of Fiscal Services Randi Ryan for their work on the ARPA drawdown requests.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood spoke about proposed wind turbines north of the City of Arma. Commissioner Moody stated that he has not heard anything about this. Commissioner Moody stated that this area is not zoned and the county cannot control this issue. Commissioner Wood stated that he would like to see the contract the county currently has with a company on wind turbines. He discussed the concerns he and the

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citizens in this area have. The Commissioners suggested that Commissioner Wood speak with County Counselor Jim Emerson with his questions about the current contract.

Item Four: Commissioner Wood discussed the ribbon cutting ceremony that he attended at Kansas Crossing Casino on Wednesday morning.

Item Five: Commissioner Wood presented suggested changes to the Highway 69 survey to Commissioner Blair for his review. There was a discussion on where the surveys are available. Public Information Officer Samantha Norris stated that there have been over 300 responses on the online version. Commissioner Blair will review the changes and the Commissioners will readdress this on Tuesday.

MESSAGES FROM APPOINTED OFFICIALS

Item One: Mr. Mac Young, Community Corrections Administrator presenting the Fiscal Year 2024 11th Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget. He explained the cognitive groups and the decision points and how it helps the offender identify and accept their issues. Mr. Young stated that the request for fiscal year 2024 is \$945,336.31. He said that district wide there are 570 individuals assigned to Community Corrections and that is a total of active and inactive. He explained that Crawford County has about 223 active cases which is approximately 70 to 75 cases per correction officer. Mr. Young explained that the amount requested is a proposal and this will be sent to the state and the state will notify them of their allotment. Commissioner Wood was answered that salaries are a part of this grant and no county funds are spent. Commissioner Blair read from the paperwork what the County provides to Community Corrections and Mr. Young explained that Crawford County is the fiscal agent for all three counties in the 11th Judicial District Community Corrections.

On motion (23-220) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the Fiscal Year 2024 11th Judicial District Community Corrections Comprehensive Plan Grant Application and Budget and authorize the Chairman to sign.
Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

NEW BUSINESS continued

Item Six: Commissioner Blair discussed one of the bridges that CSF Engineers has inspected with a recommendation of repair and if not repaired it is recommended that the road be closed. He explained that he had Road & Bridge Coordinator Alyssa Edwards reach out to CFS and they stated that the required repairs could be done in house. Commissioner Blair stated that there will be costs involved for concrete but he has no estimate on the amount. He explained that the bridge is on 120th St coming off of Highway 47 and it was a routine inspection and he explained the repairs needed.

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Item Seven: Commissioner Blair stated that he attended a National Association of Counties' meeting in Manhattan on Tuesday and it was discussed that there is grant money available for bridges and roads but the downside was that no questions could be asked at the meeting. He stated that he will speak with County Grant Writer Gus Brunetti and give him the information from the meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

Item One: Commissioner Moody asked if the other Commissioners had looked at the 4 bridges and the Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Blair both have looked at the bridges.

Item Two: Commissioner Blair discussed the work session that was held on Tuesday with Shop Foreman Josh Peak that he was unable to attend. Commissioner Wood and Commissioner Moody updated Commissioner Blair on what took place in the meeting.

Item Three: Commissioner Wood stated that he looking for a lightweight 1axle bale trailer to haul the tubes.

Item Four: Commissioner Blair presented a quote and sales agreement from Foley Equipment for a 2023 Caterpillar Excavator. He stated that the excavator will be paid for in full and there will no financing.

On motion (23-221) of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to approve the quote and Sales Agreement from Foley Equipment for a 2023 Caterpillar Excavator and authorize the Chairman to sign and authorize Shop Foreman Josh Peak to move forward with the purchase.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody, Blair and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

Item Five: Commissioner Blair redressed the survey on 69 Highway and stated that his opinion is to run the survey as it is now for another week, review the results and then look into the next step. Commissioner Moody stated that he has had numerous phone calls and all for the middle route. Commissioner Blair stated that this survey is to give citizens a voice in the issue. Ms. Garrett stated that the deadline on the current survey is June 2, 2023 and Commissioner Blair requested Ms. Garrett prepare the responses for the Commissioners to review. Ms. Garrett stated that the responses are already in a spreadsheet. The Commissioners discussed the funding for this project and also discussed the previous motion and resolution the county passed supporting the western alignment. Commissioner Blair stated that the survey results and the opinions of the citizens need to be given to KDOT and to work with KDOT to make the project happen. Commissioner Wood would like to set a timeline and to review the results and set a meeting with the community. Commissioner Blair would like to speak with KDOT before setting up the meeting and would like to readdress this issue on Tuesday.

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UNDER THE HEADING FUTURE BUSINESS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

FUTURE BUSINESS:

Item One: May 23, 2023 –9:30 AM Work Session with Asphalt Foreman Randy Chiartano to discuss asphalt projects.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Item One: June 2, 2023 – Girard Chamber of Commerce Coffee at 9:00 AM at the Crawford County Courthouse.

UNDER THE HEADING MOTION TO ADJOURN MOTION TO ADJOURN

Item One: Adjournment

On the motion of Commissioner Moody and the second of Commissioner Wood to adjourn the [May 19, 2023](#) meeting of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners at 10:53 AM and to reconvene at the next regularly scheduled time with open doors.

Yeas: Commissioners Moody and Wood

Nays:

Present but not voting:

Absent or not voting:

The motion prevailed.

In Testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed my official seal and submitted these minutes for the approval of the Board of Crawford County Commissioners.

Lisa Lusker
County Clerk

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This submission completed at the Crawford County Courthouse in Girard.

Taken BKW 5/19/2023 10:53 AM/amended BKW 5/22/2023 2:30 PM